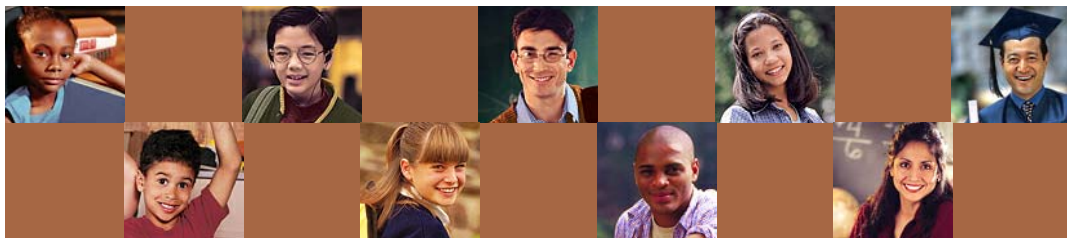


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## INDICATOR 4

### Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

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# Elementary/Secondary Education

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

*The percentage of racial/ethnic minority students enrolled in the nation's public schools increased from 1972 to 2003, primarily due to growth in Hispanic enrollments.*

The changing racial and ethnic composition of enrollment in U.S. public schools is one aspect of change in the composition of school enrollment. This indicator looks at the changes in the racial and ethnic distribution of public school students in kindergarten through 12th grade between 1972 and 2003.

Forty-two percent of public school students were considered to be part of a racial or ethnic minority group in 2003, an increase from 22 percent in 1972 (see supplemental table 4-1). In comparison, the percentage of public school students who were White decreased from 78 to 58 percent. The minority increase was largely due to the growth in the proportion of students who were Hispanic. In 2003, Hispanic students represented 19 percent of public school enrollment, up from 6 percent in 1972. The proportion of public school students who were Black or who were members of other minority groups increased less over this period than the proportion of students who were Hispanic:

Black students made up 16 percent of public school enrollment in 2003, compared with 15 percent in 1972. Other minority groups made up 7 percent in 2003, compared with 1 percent in 1972. Hispanic enrollment surpassed Black enrollment for the first time in 2002.

The distribution of minority students in public schools differed across regions of the country, although minority enrollment grew in all regions between 1972 and 2003 (see supplemental table 4-2). In 2003, the West became the only region where minority public school enrollment (54 percent) exceeded White enrollment (46 percent). Throughout this period, the South and West had larger minority enrollments than the Northeast and Midwest, and the Midwest had the smallest minority enrollment of any region. The South, Northeast, and Midwest had larger shares of Black than Hispanic enrollments in 2003, while in the West, Hispanic enrollment was larger than Black enrollment.

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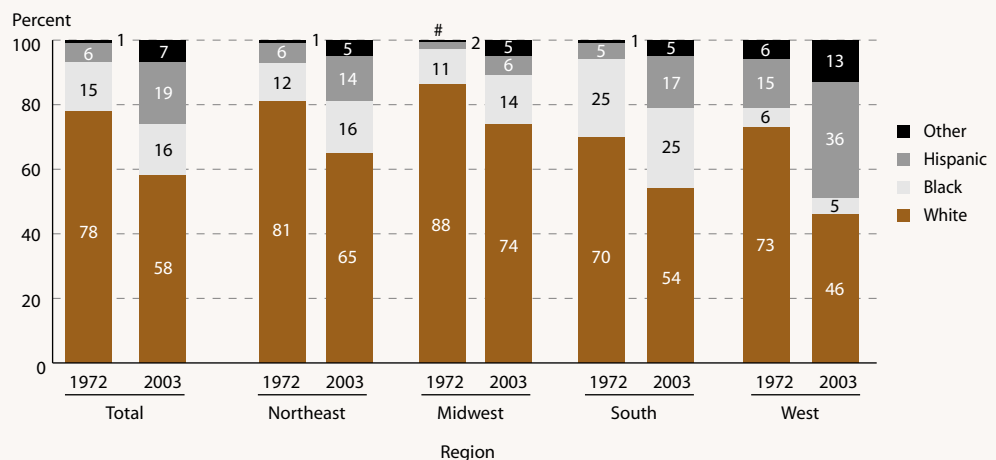
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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey (CPS), October 1972 and 2003 Supplements, previously unpublished tabulation (December 2004).



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**MINORITY ENROLLMENT: Percentage distribution of public school students in kindergarten through 12th grade, by region and race/ethnicity: Fall 1972 and 2003**



## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

**Table 4-1. Percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, by race/ethnicity: Fall 1972–2003**

Fall of year	White	Minority enrollment			
		Total	Black	Hispanic	Other
1972	77.8	22.2	14.8	6.0	1.4
1973	78.1	21.9	14.7	5.7	1.4
1974	76.8	23.2	15.4	6.3	1.5
1975	76.2	23.8	15.4	6.7	1.7
1976	76.2	23.8	15.5	6.5	1.7
1977	76.1	23.9	15.8	6.2	1.9
1978	75.5	24.5	16.0	6.5	2.1
1979	—	—	—	—	—
1980	—	—	—	—	—
1981	72.4	27.6	16.0	8.7	2.9
1982	71.9	28.1	16.0	8.9	3.2
1983	71.3	28.7	16.1	9.2	3.4
1984	71.7	28.3	16.1	8.5	3.6
1985	69.6	30.4	16.8	10.1	3.5
1986	69.1	30.9	16.6	10.8	3.6
1987	68.5	31.5	16.6	10.8	4.0
1988	68.3	31.7	16.5	11.0	4.2
1989	68.0	32.0	16.6	11.4	4.0
1990	67.6	32.4	16.5	11.7	4.2
1991	67.1	32.9	16.8	11.8	4.2
1992	66.8	33.3	16.9	12.1	4.3
1993	67.0	33.0	16.6	12.1	4.3
1994	65.8	34.2	16.7	13.7	3.8
1995	65.5	34.5	16.9	14.1	3.5
1996	63.7	36.3	16.6	14.5	5.3
1997	63.0	37.0	16.9	14.9	5.1
1998	62.4	37.6	17.2	15.4	5.1
1999	61.9	38.1	16.5	16.2	5.5
2000	61.3	38.7	16.6	16.6	5.4
2001	61.3	38.7	16.5	16.6	5.6
2002	60.7	39.3	16.5	17.6	5.2
2003	58.3	41.7	16.1	18.6	7.0

— Not available.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Black includes African American and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic origin unless specified. Includes all public school students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade. In 1994, the survey methodology for the Current Population Survey (CPS) was changed and weights were adjusted. See *supplemental note 2* for more information on the CPS. In 2003, the categories for race changed on the CPS, allowing respondents to select more than one race. Respondents who selected more than one race were placed in the “other” category for the purposes of this analysis.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey (CPS), October Supplement, 1972–2003, previously unpublished tabulation (December 2004).

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

Table 4-2. Percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, by race/ethnicity and region: Fall 1972–2003

Fall of year	Northeast					Midwest				
	White	Minority enrollment				White	Minority enrollment			
		Total	Black	Hispanic	Other		Total	Black	Hispanic	Other
1972	81.4	18.6	12.4	5.5	0.7	87.5	12.5	10.6	1.5	0.3
1973	81.3	18.7	12.5	5.5	0.7	87.7	12.3	10.6	1.2	0.5
1974	81.1	18.9	12.7	5.5	0.7	86.6	13.4	11.2	1.6	0.7
1975	80.0	20.0	13.3	6.1	0.7	86.2	13.8	11.7	1.6	0.5
1976	79.3	20.7	12.7	6.3	1.7	86.9	13.1	11.2	1.5	0.4
1977	80.4	19.6	12.6	5.8	1.3	85.7	14.3	11.8	1.7	0.8
1978	79.9	20.1	13.6	5.7	0.8	85.9	14.1	11.2	1.7	1.2
1979	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1980	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1981	76.5	23.5	13.3	8.2	2.0	84.4	15.6	12.1	1.9	1.6
1982	76.1	23.9	13.4	8.3	2.3	84.6	15.4	11.8	1.8	1.7
1983	76.3	23.7	13.8	7.9	2.0	83.6	16.4	12.5	2.1	1.8
1984	76.8	23.2	13.2	7.1	2.9	82.2	17.8	13.7	2.3	1.8
1985	74.1	25.9	13.4	10.4	2.1	79.7	20.3	14.7	3.2	2.3
1986	73.8	26.2	13.3	10.7	2.2	81.8	18.2	13.0	3.4	1.8
1987	74.2	25.8	13.1	9.5	3.3	80.7	19.3	13.8	3.1	2.4
1988	74.6	25.4	13.9	8.6	2.9	79.7	20.3	14.8	3.3	2.2
1989	73.8	26.2	14.1	9.1	3.0	80.5	19.5	13.8	3.4	2.2
1990	73.3	26.7	13.2	10.1	3.3	81.7	18.4	13.2	2.7	2.5
1991	72.9	27.1	14.0	9.9	3.2	81.6	18.4	13.0	2.9	2.5
1992	71.9	28.1	14.7	9.8	3.6	81.5	18.5	13.2	2.7	2.6
1993	72.2	27.8	15.2	8.8	3.8	80.8	19.2	13.4	3.6	2.2
1994	72.3	27.7	13.8	10.8	3.1	78.1	21.9	14.9	4.7	2.3
1995	70.7	29.3	14.7	11.6	2.9	79.3	20.7	13.9	4.5	2.3
1996	68.2	31.8	15.9	12.1	3.7	79.9	20.1	12.8	4.4	2.9
1997	67.7	32.3	16.1	12.3	3.8	79.3	20.7	13.3	4.5	2.9
1998	67.9	32.1	14.9	13.4	3.7	78.4	21.6	13.4	4.9	3.3
1999	68.2	31.8	14.1	13.0	4.7	76.0	24.0	14.1	5.9	4.0
2000	68.1	31.9	15.5	11.4	5.0	76.3	23.7	15.3	5.5	2.8
2001	67.6	32.4	15.2	12.2	5.1	77.2	22.8	14.8	4.8	3.2
2002	67.9	32.1	15.1	13.1	4.0	75.5	24.5	14.5	6.4	3.6
2003	64.8	35.2	16.0	13.7	5.4	74.4	25.6	14.2	6.4	5.0

See notes at end of table.

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

**Table 4-2. Percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, by race/ethnicity and region: Fall 1972–2003**  
—Continued

Fall of year	South					West				
	White	Total	Minority enrollment			White	Total	Minority enrollment		
			Black	Hispanic	Other			Black	Hispanic	Other
1972	69.7	30.3	24.8	5.0	0.5	72.8	27.2	6.4	15.3	5.5
1973	69.6	30.4	24.8	5.0	0.6	74.1	25.9	6.2	14.4	5.2
1974	67.8	32.2	25.6	6.1	0.5	72.7	27.3	6.8	14.9	5.6
1975	67.4	32.6	25.2	6.6	0.7	72.0	28.0	7.0	14.8	6.3
1976	67.1	32.9	25.7	6.3	0.9	72.9	27.1	7.1	14.8	5.2
1977	67.5	32.5	26.3	5.5	0.6	72.2	27.8	6.7	14.8	6.3
1978	66.4	33.6	26.3	6.2	1.1	71.4	28.6	6.8	15.2	6.6
1979	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1980	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1981	64.1	35.9	25.9	8.5	1.4	66.5	33.5	6.8	18.5	8.1
1982	64.1	35.9	26.9	7.9	1.1	65.2	34.8	5.4	19.9	9.5
1983	63.9	36.1	26.0	8.6	1.5	63.9	36.1	5.5	20.4	10.3
1984	66.0	34.0	24.7	7.5	1.8	63.8	36.2	6.8	19.6	9.8
1985	63.4	36.6	25.9	8.8	2.0	64.1	35.9	6.4	20.6	8.9
1986	62.2	37.8	26.6	9.0	2.2	62.5	37.5	6.1	22.0	9.4
1987	61.9	38.1	26.3	9.6	2.2	60.3	39.7	7.1	22.9	9.7
1988	62.2	37.8	25.0	10.5	2.3	60.3	39.7	6.5	22.7	10.5
1989	61.7	38.3	26.1	9.9	2.4	59.4	40.6	6.1	24.9	9.6
1990	59.9	40.1	27.4	10.6	2.1	59.0	41.0	5.5	25.1	10.4
1991	59.5	40.5	27.7	10.3	2.5	59.0	41.0	5.8	25.5	9.7
1992	59.5	40.5	27.2	10.5	2.7	58.5	41.5	5.8	26.3	9.3
1993	60.1	39.9	26.4	10.7	2.8	58.7	41.3	6.1	25.9	9.3
1994	59.2	40.8	26.2	12.4	2.2	58.4	41.6	5.7	27.5	8.5
1995	59.0	41.0	27.0	12.1	1.8	57.0	43.0	5.5	29.6	7.9
1996	57.7	42.3	26.9	12.6	2.8	52.8	47.2	5.2	29.4	12.6
1997	57.0	43.0	27.0	13.4	2.6	52.1	47.9	6.5	29.4	12.1
1998	56.0	44.0	28.1	13.1	2.9	51.9	48.1	6.8	30.1	11.2
1999	55.3	44.7	26.9	14.8	3.0	52.7	47.3	5.7	30.6	11.0
2000	55.1	44.9	25.6	16.0	3.2	51.1	48.9	5.9	31.6	11.4
2001	55.6	44.4	25.6	15.6	3.3	49.9	50.1	6.1	32.5	11.4
2002	54.2	45.8	26.2	16.6	2.9	51.0	49.0	5.8	32.6	10.6
2003	53.6	46.4	24.8	16.9	4.6	45.9	54.1	5.2	35.5	13.4

— Not available.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Black includes African American and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic origin unless specified. Includes all public school students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade. In 1994, the survey methodology for the Current Population Survey (CPS) was changed and weights were adjusted. See *supplemental note 2* for more information on the CPS. In 2003, the categories for race changed on the CPS, allowing respondents to select more than one race. Respondents who selected more than one race were placed in the “other” category for the purposes of this analysis.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey (CPS), October Supplement, 1972–2003, previously unpublished tabulation (December 2004).

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

**Table S4.** Standard errors for the percentage distribution of public school students in kindergarten through 12th grade, by region and race/ethnicity: Fall 1972 and 2003

Fall of year and race/ethnicity	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1972					
White	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7
Black	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Hispanic	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.1
Other	0.1	0.1	†	0.1	0.4
2003					
White	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Black	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3
Hispanic	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.8
Other	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5

† Not applicable.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey (CPS), October 1972 and 2003 Supplements, previously unpublished tabulation (December 2004).

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

**Table S4-1.** Standard errors for the percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, by race/ethnicity: Fall 1972–2003

Fall of year	White	Minority enrollment			
		Total	Black	Hispanic	Other
1972	0.28	0.33	0.28	0.29	0.09
1973	0.28	0.33	0.28	0.29	0.10
1974	0.29	0.34	0.29	0.30	0.10
1975	0.29	0.34	0.29	0.31	0.10
1976	0.29	0.34	0.29	0.30	0.10
1977	0.30	0.35	0.30	0.30	0.11
1978	0.30	0.35	0.30	0.31	0.12
1979	†	†	†	†	†
1980	†	†	†	†	†
1981	0.32	0.37	0.31	0.36	0.14
1982	0.34	0.40	0.33	0.39	0.16
1983	0.35	0.41	0.33	0.40	0.16
1984	0.35	0.40	0.33	0.38	0.17
1985	0.35	0.41	0.33	0.35	0.16
1986	0.35	0.41	0.33	0.36	0.17
1987	0.35	0.41	0.33	0.36	0.17
1988	0.39	0.45	0.36	0.40	0.19
1989	0.37	0.42	0.34	0.38	0.18
1990	0.36	0.42	0.34	0.38	0.18
1991	0.36	0.42	0.34	0.38	0.18
1992	0.36	0.42	0.33	0.38	0.18
1993	0.36	0.42	0.33	0.37	0.18
1994	0.36	0.41	0.33	0.39	0.17
1995	0.33	0.35	0.28	0.28	0.14
1996	0.33	0.35	0.27	0.27	0.16
1997	0.34	0.36	0.28	0.29	0.17
1998	0.35	0.37	0.29	0.29	0.17
1999	0.34	0.37	0.28	0.30	0.17
2000	0.35	0.37	0.28	0.30	0.17
2001	0.33	0.35	0.26	0.28	0.16
2002	0.33	0.35	0.26	0.29	0.16
2003	0.33	0.35	0.26	0.29	0.18

† Not applicable.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey (CPS), October Supplement, 1972–2003, previously unpublished tabulation (December 2004).

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

**Table S4-2. Standard errors for the percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, by race/ethnicity and region: Fall 1972–2003**

Fall of year	Northeast					Midwest				
	White	Total	Minority enrollment			White	Total	Minority enrollment		
			Black	Hispanic	Other			Black	Hispanic	Other
1972	0.53	0.61	0.52	0.55	0.13	0.43	0.50	0.47	0.29	0.09
1973	0.53	0.62	0.53	0.56	0.13	0.43	0.50	0.47	0.25	0.11
1974	0.53	0.62	0.52	0.55	0.13	0.45	0.53	0.49	0.29	0.12
1975	0.54	0.63	0.53	0.57	0.13	0.46	0.54	0.50	0.30	0.11
1976	0.56	0.65	0.53	0.59	0.21	0.45	0.53	0.49	0.29	0.10
1977	0.55	0.65	0.54	0.58	0.18	0.48	0.55	0.51	0.31	0.14
1978	0.56	0.65	0.56	0.58	0.14	0.48	0.56	0.51	0.32	0.18
1979	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
1980	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
1981	0.61	0.72	0.57	0.71	0.23	0.52	0.61	0.55	0.35	0.21
1982	0.67	0.78	0.63	0.78	0.27	0.56	0.65	0.58	0.37	0.24
1983	0.69	0.80	0.65	0.78	0.26	0.57	0.67	0.59	0.40	0.24
1984	0.69	0.80	0.64	0.75	0.32	0.59	0.69	0.62	0.42	0.24
1985	0.71	0.83	0.65	0.75	0.27	0.63	0.73	0.65	0.42	0.27
1986	0.72	0.84	0.65	0.76	0.28	0.62	0.72	0.63	0.44	0.25
1987	0.71	0.83	0.64	0.72	0.34	0.61	0.72	0.62	0.41	0.28
1988	0.79	0.92	0.73	0.79	0.36	0.68	0.79	0.70	0.47	0.29
1989	0.76	0.88	0.70	0.75	0.34	0.63	0.73	0.64	0.44	0.28
1990	0.75	0.87	0.67	0.77	0.35	0.61	0.71	0.62	0.39	0.29
1991	0.75	0.87	0.68	0.76	0.35	0.62	0.72	0.62	0.41	0.29
1992	0.75	0.87	0.69	0.75	0.36	0.62	0.72	0.63	0.39	0.30
1993	0.74	0.86	0.69	0.70	0.36	0.62	0.72	0.62	0.44	0.27
1994	0.73	0.85	0.65	0.76	0.33	0.65	0.76	0.65	0.50	0.28
1995	0.69	0.74	0.57	0.55	0.27	0.59	0.62	0.53	0.34	0.23
1996	0.69	0.74	0.58	0.55	0.30	0.57	0.61	0.51	0.33	0.26
1997	0.71	0.75	0.59	0.56	0.31	0.60	0.64	0.54	0.35	0.26
1998	0.71	0.76	0.58	0.59	0.31	0.62	0.66	0.55	0.37	0.29
1999	0.71	0.75	0.56	0.58	0.34	0.64	0.68	0.55	0.40	0.31
2000	0.72	0.77	0.60	0.56	0.36	0.64	0.68	0.58	0.39	0.26
2001	0.69	0.73	0.56	0.55	0.34	0.59	0.63	0.53	0.34	0.26
2002	0.68	0.72	0.55	0.56	0.31	0.61	0.65	0.53	0.39	0.28
2003	0.70	0.74	0.57	0.57	0.35	0.63	0.67	0.54	0.40	0.34

See notes at end of table.

## Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Public School Students

**Table S4-2. Standard errors for the percentage distribution of public school students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, by race/ethnicity and region: Fall 1972–2003—Continued**

Fall of year	South					West				
	White	Total	Minority enrollment			White	Total	Minority enrollment		
			Black	Hispanic	Other			Black	Hispanic	Other
1972	0.58	0.67	0.63	0.49	0.10	0.75	0.87	0.48	1.08	0.45
1973	0.58	0.67	0.63	0.49	0.11	0.73	0.85	0.47	1.05	0.43
1974	0.59	0.68	0.64	0.54	0.10	0.74	0.87	0.49	1.06	0.45
1975	0.60	0.70	0.65	0.57	0.13	0.75	0.87	0.49	1.05	0.47
1976	0.59	0.69	0.64	0.55	0.14	0.75	0.87	0.50	1.07	0.44
1977	0.59	0.69	0.65	0.52	0.12	0.76	0.89	0.50	1.08	0.48
1978	0.60	0.70	0.66	0.55	0.15	0.79	0.92	0.51	1.12	0.51
1979	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
1980	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
1981	0.61	0.71	0.65	0.64	0.18	0.80	0.93	0.50	1.17	0.54
1982	0.65	0.76	0.70	0.66	0.16	0.85	0.99	0.47	1.27	0.61
1983	0.65	0.76	0.69	0.68	0.19	0.86	1.01	0.48	1.30	0.64
1984	0.64	0.74	0.67	0.63	0.21	0.86	1.00	0.53	1.27	0.62
1985	0.65	0.75	0.68	0.57	0.22	0.86	1.00	0.51	1.09	0.59
1986	0.64	0.74	0.68	0.57	0.22	0.84	0.98	0.48	1.09	0.59
1987	0.65	0.75	0.68	0.59	0.23	0.84	0.98	0.51	1.09	0.59
1988	0.69	0.81	0.72	0.68	0.25	0.91	1.05	0.53	1.20	0.66
1989	0.66	0.77	0.69	0.61	0.24	0.86	1.00	0.49	1.15	0.60
1990	0.67	0.78	0.71	0.63	0.23	0.85	0.99	0.46	1.14	0.62
1991	0.66	0.77	0.70	0.62	0.24	0.84	0.98	0.46	1.12	0.59
1992	0.65	0.76	0.69	0.62	0.25	0.84	0.98	0.46	1.13	0.57
1993	0.66	0.76	0.69	0.63	0.26	0.82	0.95	0.46	1.10	0.56
1994	0.64	0.74	0.66	0.64	0.22	0.82	0.95	0.45	1.12	0.54
1995	0.59	0.63	0.57	0.45	0.17	0.76	0.81	0.37	0.80	0.44
1996	0.59	0.63	0.57	0.45	0.21	0.74	0.78	0.35	0.76	0.52
1997	0.62	0.66	0.59	0.49	0.21	0.76	0.80	0.40	0.78	0.52
1998	0.63	0.67	0.60	0.48	0.22	0.76	0.81	0.41	0.79	0.51
1999	0.62	0.66	0.59	0.51	0.23	0.76	0.80	0.37	0.79	0.50
2000	0.62	0.66	0.58	0.52	0.24	0.75	0.80	0.38	0.79	0.51
2001	0.59	0.62	0.55	0.49	0.22	0.70	0.75	0.36	0.75	0.48
2002	0.59	0.62	0.55	0.50	0.21	0.70	0.74	0.35	0.74	0.46
2003	0.58	0.61	0.53	0.49	0.26	0.70	0.74	0.33	0.76	0.51

† Not applicable.

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